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For:

METHODS FOR REDUCING

MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

BY POSTOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION OF A **PHARMACOLOGIC**

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, mailed April 23, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants enclose herewith:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Also included herewith is:

Fee Transmittal Sheet;

Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time to reply by three months, up to and including, October 23, 2003;

Request for Continued Examination; and

Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Dennis T. Mangano.

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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

		
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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA: See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.								
1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114							
	a. Previously submitted							
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		ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed					
	iii. Other							
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		iii.	☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)					
		iv.	Other Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate)					
2.	2. Miscellaneous							
	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)					
	b.		Other					
3.	Fee	es	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed					
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		i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 385.00						
	ii. Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ 475.00 for a three month extension, the request for which is being made herewith							
		iii.	Other					
	b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed							
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)								
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